



## Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

### December 2012 Newsletter



## CCC Cantata Sunday

*December 2, 2011*

Join us for a CCC tradition at a combined service at 10 am (no 8 am service). The choir will bless us with a **Christmas Cantata** worship experience.

Immediately following will be the brief **Congregational Meeting**, approving the budget for 2013.

We will then break bread together during a **Potluck Luncheon**. Please sign up in Friendship Hall to bring a dish: salad, side, bread or dessert - the entrée and beverages will be provided.

Afterwards, the children will present the **Christmas Story**. Watch and enjoy as the light of the world reaches humankind, as re-enacted by the youngest among us.

Some suggested items to bring are:

Macaroni & Cheese  
Pot Stickers  
Chicken Nuggets  
Steamed Vegetables  
Green Salad

Potato Salad  
Cut Up Fruit  
Brownies  
Pie  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

This is a day not to miss, full of CCC Christmas traditions. It will be a great day to catch up with your CCC family to spread some holiday cheer!



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**REVIVE! &  
ALIVE!**

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Cookie Sunday will be here  
before you know it!  
Please contact the church  
office with addresses of the  
college students you would  
like to include.



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Community Christian Church  
Lincolnshire, Illinois

# Bryan's Bits

Dear Family,

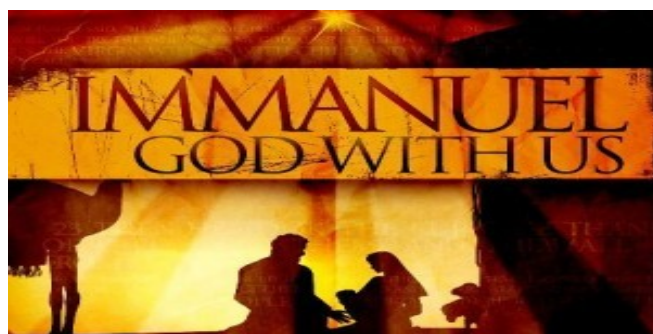
I am so blessed to be going into another Advent and Christmas season with you, my church family! I look back on this year and see new families whom we have embraced and who have embraced us as well. It does my heart good to see so many smiles, hugs, prayers and



acts of kindness that are generated among our friends and family. We are truly a blessed people. This month is mostly a time of running to this event and that event. Making plans for parties and presents, and welcoming family from hither and yon. But I want to take just a

moment and reflect on what we have in this Advent and Christmas season: We have the Immanuel who comes to dwell among us, and in us and even more importantly through us! We are His light to this world! What a blessing and what a responsibility! Take time this season of expectation to wait, hope, love and see God moving among us. What a blessed season of change, what a blessed season of opportunity. I challenge you to take in this season through your worship involvement as well. I have seen you glow as you enter the church sanctuary and radiate His love when you leave. It is truly a time when we are focused and energized to do God's work. Thank you for your love and witness of the God among us and see you soon in this season of joyous love!

In His Loving Grip,  
Bryan



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## Christmas at Community Christian Church

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.....9:00 am**

Hanging of the Greens. Come and join us to decorate for Christmas.

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.....8:00/10:00 am**

On the first Sunday of Advent, we will light the candle of HOPE.

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.....4:00-7:00 pm**

Church Christmas Celebration. Please join us for some adult fellowship with new and old friends. Whether you can come for just 15 minutes, stay the whole time, or anywhere in between we would love to have you come. RSVP with the church office.

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.....10:00 am**

On the second Sunday of Advent, we will light the candle of PEACE.

We will receive the gift of music as the choir offers a *Christmas Cantata* worship experience. A potluck luncheon immediately follows, then the children will present the Christmas story. Watch and enjoy as the light of the world reaches humankind, as re-enacted by the youngest among us. (No 8am service)

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.....8:00/10:00 am**

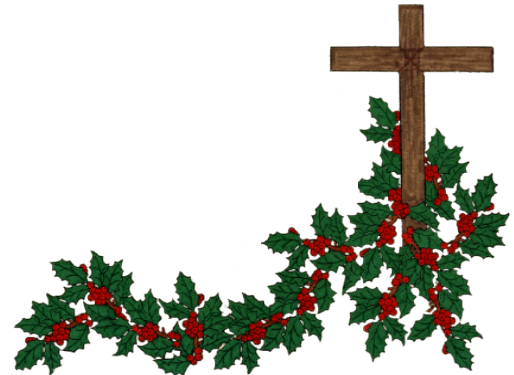
On the third Sunday of Advent, we will light the pink candle of JOY.

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.....8:00/10:00 am**

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we will light the candle of LOVE.

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.....7:30 pm**

The Christ candle will be lit during this Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship service, and we will share the light that has come into the world as a symbol of God's promise fulfilled.



### Upcoming Events

December 1	Men's Breakfast Hanging of the Greens
December 2	Advent Begins General Board Meeting
December 8	Women's Coffee Break Cantata Rehearsal Holiday Open House
December 9	10am Combined Service (no 8am service) Christmas Cantata & Luncheon Christmas Pageant Congregational Meeting
December 12	Soup Kitchen
December 16	Angel Tree Gifts Due
December 22	Women's Book Group
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8 & 10am	Worship Services
Sundays, 9am	Adult Sunday School
Sundays, 11:30am-1pm	Youth Group Meetings
Tuesdays, 10am	Sermons in the Round
2nd Wednesday of month, 4pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm	Choir Practice
1st Saturday of month, 8am	Men's Breakfast
2nd Saturday of month, 8am	Women's Coffee Break
4th Saturday of month, 9:15am	Women's Book Group

Keep up with CCC events on the website.  
Go to the Upcoming Events page on our website:

[www.CCCLincolnshire.org](http://www.CCCLincolnshire.org)



# CCC Youth Page

## ALIVE!

5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## REVIVE!

9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## The Benefits of Your Teenager Joining a Church Youth Group

Not only does having your teenager join a church youth group offer the teen many wonderful opportunities and experiences, it also provides the parent a multitude of benefits.

**It Helps To Strengthen The Faith Of The Teenager.** Though the atmosphere of most church youth groups is lighthearted and focuses on fun, there is a certain amount of time spent at each meeting discussing various Bible lessons and fundamentals of faith. This serves to strengthen the teenager's faith, which in turn brings the entire family closer.

**It Offers Your Teen An Opportunity For Good, Clean Fun.** At a time when peer pressure is so very strong and temptations to engage potentially harmful behavior for recreation, a church youth group can be an oasis for teenagers. This can give parents much needed peace of mind during this critical age.

**It's a Great Environment For Teenagers To Socialize.** Members are encouraged to make new friends and enjoy themselves with other kids they have known

for ages in a safe and positive place where no drugs, alcohol or inappropriate behavior is condoned.

**It Encourages Positive Involvement With The Community.** Church youth groups often organize and take part in projects that better the community and its residents. Not only will your teenager come away from these activities with a sense of pride and achievement, parents cannot help but be inspired to take more of an active role in the community.

**The Leaders Can Help To Reinforce Important Values To Your Teenager.** Teenagers tend to tune out their parents, but listen far more intently when another adult they admire and respect offer words of wisdom and advice.

To read the entire article, go to: <http://voices.yahoo.com/the-benefits-teenager-joining-church-youth-6817596.html>

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



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## CCC Youth Calendar

NOV 25	11:30AM	NO YOUTH GROUP
DEC 1	9AM	HANGING OF THE GREENS
DEC 2	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP
DEC 9	10AM	CANTATA-LUNCHEON-CHILDREN'S PAGEANT
		PADS LUNCHES
DEC 12	4PM	SOUP KITCHEN
DEC 16	11:30AM	YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC 23	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP
DEC 24	7:30PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DEC 30	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP

## Children's Church School

### 2012-2013 Rotation Lesson Plans

December - Christmas Around the World

January - Samaritan Woman at the Well

February - Zacchaeus

March - Mary Magdalene

April - Easter Around the World

May - Paul: Who Can be a Christian?



The CCC men's group meets monthly on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast, fellowship and discussion. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, December 1, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Breakfast from McDonalds will be picked up for those who would like it. Contact the church office if you can attend.



## Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Don't miss the September Women's coffee on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!

## CCC Women's Book Group

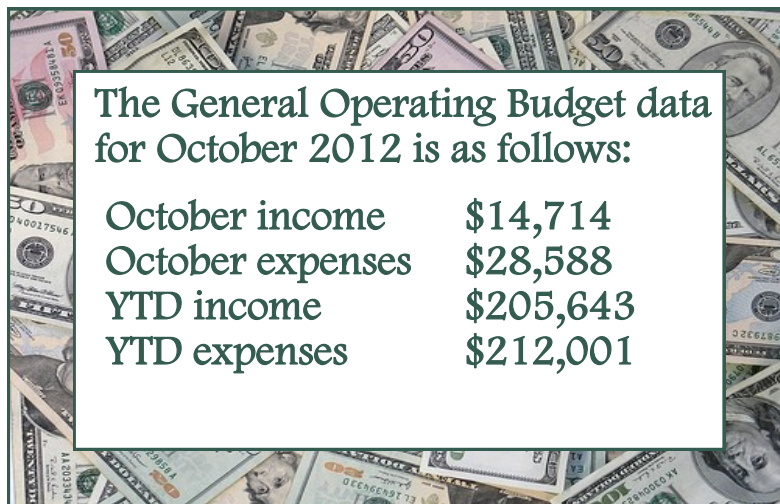
This group is using a Bible study book called, "Living Above Worry and Stress" from the Women of Faith study series. The back cover states: "Our hearts are overwhelmed. We are stressed out. We are worried. We dread tomorrow. In the midst of all this everyday turmoil, our hearts are longing for a place of peace." It's not too late to join us and learn how to live above the worry and stress of your life.

The next meeting will be on December 22 at 11:15am in the church office. We will talk about chapters 6 & 7. Bring your lunch if you want to eat!

For questions or more information, contact the church office.

## The General Operating Budget data for October 2012 is as follows:

October income	\$14,714
October expenses	\$28,588
YTD income	\$205,643
YTD expenses	\$212,001



## Holiday Open House



When: Saturday, December 8th

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 pm

What to bring: An appetizer or dessert (if you are so inclined) if not, just come, your presence is the most important

Please join us for some adult fellowship with new and old friends from Community Christian Church. Whether you can come for just 15 minutes, can stay the whole time, or anywhere in between we would love to have you come.

RSVP by Evite or sign up in Friendship Hall or contact the church office.



*Public Assistance to Deliver*

On the second Sunday of each month, we are charged with making bag lunches for the "guests" who stay at the First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield - a Lake County PADS site. The lunches are provided to the guests on Monday mornings as they go out to job search. We will fill the lunch bags here at CCC directly after worship service on the appointed Sunday. Members and friends of our church



congregation sign up to contribute the specific items needed to fill the bags items. If you are interested in donating, you may sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall &/or contact the church office.

## The "W" in Christmas

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a 6-year-old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snow-caps upon their heads. Those in the front row-center stage held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down -- totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W." The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W."

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

**C H R I S T W A S L O V E**

And, I believe, He still is.

May each of you have a Merry Christmas as you reflect on His Amazing Love For us... Have a blessed day!

**Happy Birthday Jesus !!!!!!!**



# Poinsettias

*A very special tradition at CCC is to adorn the sanctuary with Poinsettias.  
You can help by purchasing the plants in honor of friends/family,  
in memory of someone, or simply to beautify the sanctuary.*



## Poinsettia Order Information

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias @ \$11 per plant \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Community Christian Church  
with the word "poinsettia" in the memo line and turn in by December 16

Poinsettias may be given in honor of friends/family, in memory of someone, or simply to beautify the sanctuary. Please complete the order information below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin on December 16 & 23. Donors may take their poinsettias home following the 7:30 pm service on Christmas Eve.

\_\_\_ To beautify the sanctuary

\_\_\_ To honor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions for how message should appear in bulletin  
inserts on December 16 & 23:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in November when 225 meals were served:

Nina  
Jim  
Lynn  
Ron  
Rosalie  
Ruby & Judy  
Sarah  
Jane

Thank you to all those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in November:

Andrea Fisher  
The Short Family

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with our PADS "pack a lunch" effort!

Thank you to Jim DeWald and Perry Grace for:

Fixing the sink in Lanier Hall  
Changing the light bulbs all over the church  
Filling the potholes in the parking lot

Thank you for being so generous and helping with the Thanksgiving Food Boxes and the Angel Tree.

Thank you to Andrea Fisher for coordinating the Service of Remembrance.

Thank you to our Advent acolytes.

Thank you to our Advent readers.

# Happy Birthday!

Barb	4
Andrea	5
Bob	6
Dale	8
Margie	9
Chris	9
Devon	11
Katie	11
Anna	15
Diane	16
Bryan	18
JJ	20
Phyllis	21
Joe	22
David	23
Margaret	24
Kerry	27
Judy	27
Charlotte	28
Danny	29
Dick	29
Emma	30
Richard	30
Roger	30
Jack	30
Nina	31

# Happy Anniversary!

Saford and Kathy	1
Brian and Lauren	3



Welcome to  
CCC  
Membership!

Joseph & Janet  
and sons, Nate, Sam & Tom

Brenda

You already feel like family and we look forward to growing together in community and in Christ!



## Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alexander & Evan	Family of Tom
Alice & family	Family of Walt
Ann	George
Beth & Bennett	Ginny, Ava & Ingrid
Bettye & family	Jane
Brent	Janice & Chuck
Carmel Christian Church	Jayne
Carol	Jessie
CJ	Jim
Danielle & Danny	John & Jen
Debbie	Lesli, Bunny & Burt
Diane & family	Lorri
Family of Bill	Michael
Family of Blair	National & World Leaders
Family of Jay	Nelson
Family of Keith	Nicholas & family
Family of Kenlay	Our Stephen Ministry
Family of Kris	Our Troops
Family of Linda	Rich
Family of Mack	Sandy
Family of Marla	Sherry & Robert
Family of Mary	Stacey & family
Family of Penny	Suzanne
Family of Reba	Tom
Family of Sean	

## Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for six consecutive weeks, after which, they will be either be taken off the list, or moved to the long term prayer list. Contact the church office to resubmit the name, if needed and it will gladly be added.

Aleondra	John
Beverly	Marty
Char	Mina
Eric	Patty
Ethan	Robert
Family of George	Tom
Family of Jill P	
George	



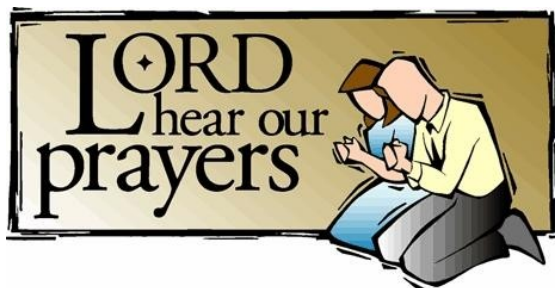
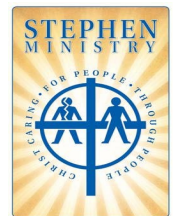
*Watch for Some Exciting Correspondence from the Congregational Care Committee coming soon!*

## Ho Ho Ho . . .

## . . . Humbug

So many words are used to describe the Christmas season, mostly claiming that this is such a perfect time. Decorations are gorgeous, food is fabulous and every family is full of joy and good cheer. Really? Predicting such perfection can easily lead to serious disappointment. Clearly, reality usually involves a few "hic-ups". The tree tips, the turkey is way too dry and some family member becomes "unhappy".

If you find yourself struggling with the fact that the "best Christmas EVER" didn't work out and you need to figure out how to "get over it" this may be a good time to visit with a Stephen Minister. Bryan will make the arrangements, just give him a call.



■ CCC Events   ■ CCC Youth Groups  
■ Committee Meetings   ■ 7p Troop 78

# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ■ 8am Men's Breakfast ■ 9am Hanging of the Greens
2 ■ 1st Advent HOPE ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult S School ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:15am General Board ■ 11:30am Youth Group	3 ■ 7pm Troop 78	4 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	5 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	6	7	8 ■ 8am Women's Coffee Break ■ 10am Cantata Rehearsal
9 ■ 2nd Advent PEACE ■ PADS Lunches ■ 9am Adult S School ■ 10am Cantata + Luncheon ■ 11:15am Cong. Meeting	10 ■ 7pm Troop 78	11 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	12 ■ 4pm Soup Kitchen ■ 7pm Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 ■ 3rd Advent JOY Pink ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult S School ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Christmas Party	17 ■ 7pm Troop 78	18 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	19 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	20	21	22 ■ 11:15am Women's Book Group
23 ■ 4th Advent LOVE ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult S School ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Youth Group	24 ■ 7pm Troop 78 ■ 7:30pm Candlelight Service	25 Christmas ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	26 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult S School ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Youth Group	31 New Year's Eve ■ 7pm Troop 78					